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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) inform Applicants' representative of the status of the above-captioned patent application.

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